



Minutes
Governing Board Meeting
August 7, 2018
3:00 pm



1.0 Call Open Session to Order at 3:01 pm by Chair Joe Aldridge

2.0 Flag Salute

3.0 Establishment of Quorum

Attending:

Governing Board

Joe Aldridge – Superintendent, Columbia Union School District
Marguerite Bulkin – County Superintendent
Pat Chabot – Superintendent, Sonora Union High School District
Mike Merrill – Superintendent, Summerville Union High School District
Carla Haakma – Superintendent, Belleview School District
Rick Hennes – Superintendent, Twain Harte School District
Contessa Pelfrey – Superintendent, Jamestown School District
Leigh Shampain – Superintendent, Sonora and Summerville School Districts
Wynette Hilton – Superintendent, Big Oak Flat-Groveland Unified School District
Jeff Winfield – Superintendent, Soulsbyville School District

Staff: Dr. Blaine Cowick, Executive Director	Tuolumne County SELPA
Jeanie Smith, Executive Assistant	Tuolumne County SELPA
Lisa Rico Asst. Supt. of Business Services	Tuolumne County Supt. of Schools
Lisa Blaylock – Fiscal Analyst	Tuolumne County Supt. of Schools

Guests: Kylee Luchetti
Cathy Parker

4.0 Public Comment

None

5.0 Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Amended Consent Agenda moving Item 7.0 to be included with 9.0:
Leigh Shampain
Second: Margie Bulkin
Ayes: Aldridge, Bulkin, Chabot, Merrill, Haakma, Hennes, Pelfrey, Shampain, Hilton, Winfield
Noes: None

6.0 Discussion and Possible Action Items

6.1 First Reading with the Option to Waive Additional Readings and Approve AR 3541.2, Transportation for Students with Disabilities

Dr. Cowick presented a policy addressing in-lieu payments for transporting students.

Motion: Rick Hennes

Second: Pat Chabot

Ayes: Aldridge, Bulkin, Chabot, Merrill, Haakma, Hennes, Pelfrey, Shampain, Hilton, Winfield

Noes: None

6.2 First Reading with the Option to Waive Additional Readings and Approve BP 3562, Maintenance of Effort

Dr. Cowick presented a Maintenance of Effort policy for adoption that clarifies what happens to districts if they don't maintain their MOE. Districts will share the policy with their CBOs, and then the item will come back for a second reading.

Motion: No motion

Second:

Ayes:

Noes:

6.3 Preschool Location

Dr. Cowick discussed potential preschool locations and associated costs. At this time, the third preschool program will start at Sonora El with a soft target date of October 1st to move to Columbia College. The rent is approximately \$19,000 per year. There was some discussion about a potential classroom at Soulsbyville or Sullivan Creek. It was suggested that Dr. Cowick draft a letter to Curtis Creek about the use of the Sullivan Creek classrooms next year.

Motion to approve the new classroom and continue discussion, but also look into the Sullivan Creek classrooms and Soulsbyville campus opportunities: Jeff Winfield

Second: Leigh Shampain

Ayes: Aldridge, Bulkin, Chabot, Merrill, Haakma, Hennes, Pelfrey, Shampain, Hilton, Winfield

Noes: None

7.0 Information/Discussion Items

7.1 Allocation Plan

Moved to be included in item 9.0.

8.0 Standing Agenda Items

8.1 CAC Report to the Board

None.

9.0 SELPA Director's Report – Dr. Blaine Cowick

Dr. Cowick Introduced Kylee Luchetti as the new Special Education Coordinator. Jenni Rickard will be coming as a program specialist in the first part of September.

The new NeXus program will be opening with a substitute. The high school ILS/Transition program will be a delayed start. We still need two school psychologists, a VI/OM person, a Behaviorist, and possibly an SLP.

Proposed changes for the SELPA administrative team include increased support of District SST/IEP Teams, increased training and supervision of TCSOS teachers and service providers, revised support team process, increased training opportunities for district staff, and schedule monitoring and service tracking.

Proposed items to be included in the High cost Pool: NPS, Low incidence, Transportation beyond Tuolumne County Lines, Interdistrict Transfer appeals (minus ADA), high cost health services (nurse), and other unforeseen circumstances as approved by the Governance Board.

There is a need for additional behavioral services in our county. There are three to four students currently who have behavioral services on their IEP. There are probably other students who need behavioral services as well. Should the behavioral services be part of the high cost pool, or part of administrative costs similar to the school psychologists, or charged to districts? There was a recommendation to boost the salary of the behaviorist and see if we attract any additional applicants.

Comments from Board Members

There was a suggestion to work with program specialists to ensure that schools communicate with county program students' families regarding an emergency. We will ask Karen to send contact information for the students to the school sites before school starts.

Mike Merrill, new superintendent at Summerville Union High School District, was introduced to the group.

10.0 Adjournment at 3:55 pm

Next Tuolumne County SELPA Meeting Date: September 11, 2018

Closed Session at 3:00 pm (if required)

Open Session at 3:00 pm **or immediately following Closed Session**

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